

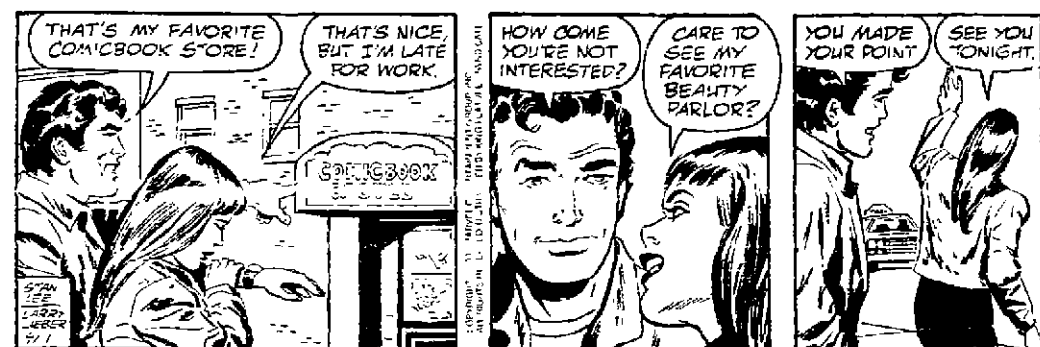
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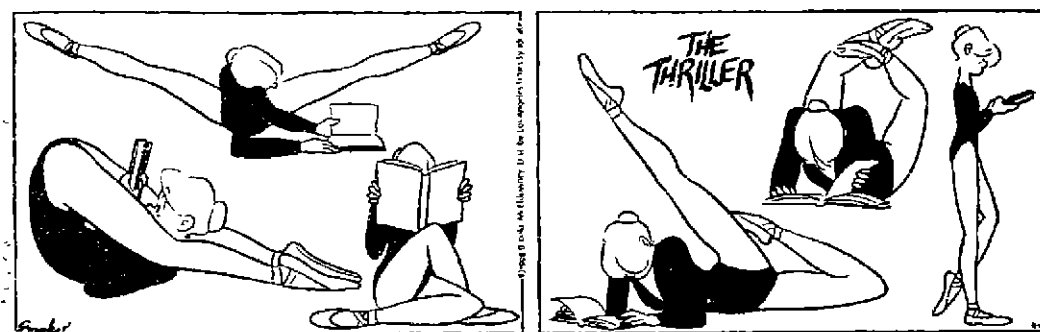
## SALLY FORTH



## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



## 9 CHICKWEED LANE



## ANDY CAPP



## ROSE IS ROSE



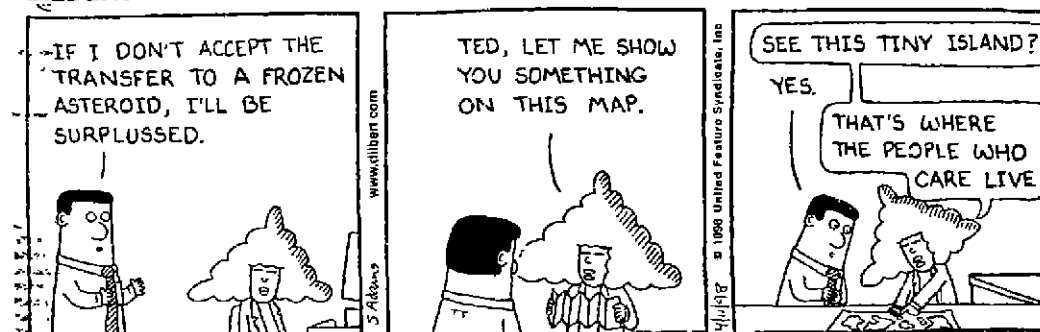
## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



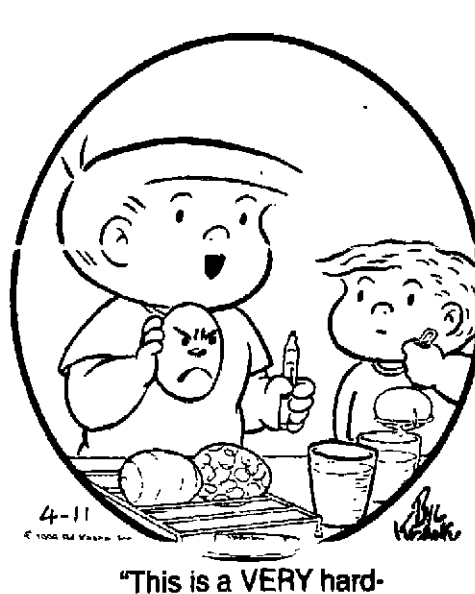
## DILBERT



## DENNIS THE MENACE



## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## RALPH



## Today's Birthdays

Fashion designer **Oleg Cassini** is 85. Movie producer **Howard W. Koch** is 82. Former New York Gov. **Hugh Carey** is 79. Ethel **Kennedy** is 70. Actor **Johnny Sheffield** is 67. Actor **Joel Grey** is 66. Actress **Louise Lasser** is 59. Syndicated columnist **Ellen Goodman** is 57. Actor **Peter Riegert** is 51. Actor **Bill Irwin** is 48. Country singer **Steve Azar** is 34. Singer **Lisa Stansfield** is 32. Rock musician **Dylan Keefe** is 28.

## I NEED HELP



## SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 150-150

by JUDU

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDU'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 4-11-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

For solution, see Classified.

## WORD SLEUTH

Take -

UOLIEBOMYVSQNRK  
HEBYWRTFRDNOOL  
JGEBDYWUFOEORPS  
NKIEGDBZXETIVSR  
OPRECAUTIONSOME  
KSIGERCAHYASYWN  
USQPNLOEJKREEBO  
HFECAYAPSCGSKYS  
XVUSERQWYARSOP  
NLORTNOCMBOOJKR  
JHFECVBZYXFPAP

Friday's unlisted clue: CAVITY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: PEOPLE HELD IN CUSTODY

A Joke Control Orders Root  
Back For granted Over To heart  
By force Off Possession Vows  
By storm Offense Precautions

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## HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, April 12, 1998

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) One friend seems openly antagonistic, but another is kindly and concerned.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) In business, you're up against someone with a strong will who might not listen to reason.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Despite your positive mood, there's a likelihood that both a friend and a family member could be difficult. Don't get caught in the crossfire.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Guard against impulsive purchases. It is important that you keep the lines of communication open.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Instead of arguing with a close tie, you should be going out somewhere nice together. Avoid a tendency to magnify something out of proportion.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Sometimes when you work hard, it seems as if you have the whole world on your shoulders. Save time for relaxation, and let others help you out.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You could be in too much of a rush to capitalize on a career opportunity. Slow down and do a good job.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can profit more by listening and observing than by battling others. Patience is required in dealing with children and career interests.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A problem at work could have you stymied. Don't be so proud that you fail to ask a higher-up for assistance.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't let resentment cloud your judgment. You can profit by listening to the advice of others.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You could overplay your hand with higher-ups and with friends. Lighten up!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) You need to concentrate your efforts on work early in the day, as some annoying little tasks crop up.

## ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I signaled in accordance with our prior agreement," claimed East, defending himself against West's criticism. "Following plain rules is one thing," countered West. "Overlooking the obvious is quite another." Which side had the better argument? West led his fourth-best spade, and South played dummy's queen, winning the trick when East followed with his trey. In a prior discussion, East and West agreed to signal the count when third hand could not cover dummy's card against a no-trump contract. (Low-high equals odd; high-low equals even.) East's application of the agreement backfired. When South led a heart to East's ace, South covered East's spade jack return, blocking the spade suit. East's 10 prevented the run of the spades, and South escaped with an overtrick. Did East deserve criticism for following their prior agreement? Yes, he did. Whether the agreement was a good one or not, East should have recognized the need to unblock at trick one. West's fourth-best lead promised three cards higher than the six. With two higher cards in dummy and two in East's hand, South could hold only one (11-6-5), and the unblock became an obvious and intuitive play. After East unlocks his jack at trick one, South has no chance. When East wins his heart ace, he returns the 10, and the defenders collect four spades and the heart ace for one down.

Vulnerable: Both  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East         |
|-------|------|-------|--------------|
| 1NT   | Pass | 3♦    | Pass         |
| 3NT   | Pass | Pass  | Pass         |
|       |      |       | Invitational |

Opening lead: Spade jack

## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

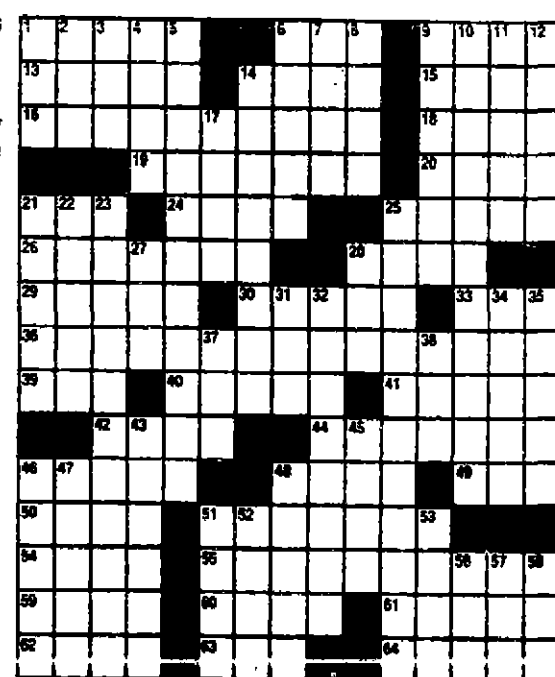
No. 0228

- ACROSS**
- 1 Major oil hub  
6 Home extension  
9 Some G.I.'s  
13 Bedtime for some  
14 -eyed  
15 Scads  
16 Famed San Francisco rock venue  
18 Progenitor  
19 Claims  
20 Gush  
21 Decorative elements  
24 "Indeed!" overseas  
25 Laughs  
26 Novice  
28 de Dios (church, in Spain)
- 29 "The best — to come"  
30 Hose  
33 Alphabet sequence  
36 Game played in this puzzle?  
38 Tokyo, formerly  
40 Request to a waiter who brings the salad  
41 Tang  
42 Smell  
44 Truancy  
46 Best successor  
48 Mythic Hun  
49 Word on a U.S. coin  
50 Finale of a sort  
51 Wall Street purchases
- 54 Outback critters  
55 1971-72 Rose Bowl winner  
56 Bet  
60 Puppeteer Tony  
61 Taranto's locale  
62 Shambles  
63 Do-say link  
64 Relative of "Merci"
- DOWN**
- 1 Crown  
2 Lateral start  
3 See 4-Down  
4 With 3-Down, a Chicago bakery  
6 Surprise attacker  
7 Nostalgic work  
7 Be deprived of  
8 "Oh, why not?"  
9 Represent, in spying  
10 70's TV variety show host  
11 Jazzy Chick  
12 Swelters  
14 Avows  
17 If not  
21 Part of some bio titles  
22 Do some yard work  
23 Summer dress  
28 Research moneys  
27 Subj. of a D.D. degree

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

JAKARTA HOGWASH  
AZALEAS OREILLY  
STYLING LETSLIP  
MELON OKS ETC  
ICET SOUTH DIKE  
NAN ANDREAS MEN  
ENZYMES DILUTERS  
MEET NOGO  
DONANZAS GAMBIT  
AVA SETTLER ONE  
RETE STEEN PEARL

CRABAPPLES LUMBER  
ALLOFME BEESMAX  
RAINIER ONSTAGE  
SPAYERS SEESREGO



Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- 29 Tech  
31 Key opener?  
32 Connected (to)  
34 Short and staccato, musically  
36 Wooded  
37 Bowl-shaped cooking aid  
43 Misplays a tape, maybe  
46 Cartel  
48 Buzz off
- 47 Oddsmaker's last words?  
48 Arcade name  
51 Neighbor of Pelion  
52 Grps. sponsoring open houses  
53 Mile, in Marbella  
56 Lick  
57 Soft shoe leather  
58 Ingredient in an old fashioned
- Answers to two three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.